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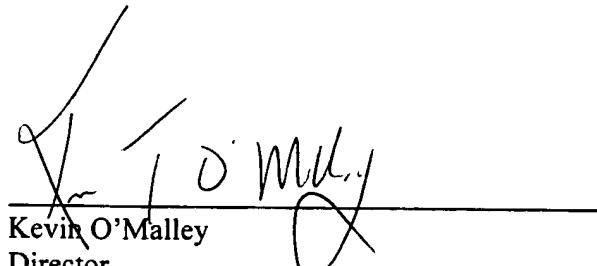
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Sir:

St. Jude Medical Puerto Rico B.V., a Netherlands corporation, is the owner of the patent application identified above by virtue of a chain of title from the inventor to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: Andrew Forsberg
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By assignment (a copy of the assignment document is attached).

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